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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6455

BILL NUMBER: SB 103

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 23, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Attendance officers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Long

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the appointment of an attendance officer in all school corporations. It allows two or more school corporations that each have attendance of less than 1,500 pupils to enter into an agreement to jointly appoint an attendance officer. The bill provides that an attendance officer may perform only the duties of an attendance officer and may not hold another position within the school corporation. The bill also repeals a provision specifying that a school corporation's superintendent is the attendance officer if an attendance officer is not otherwise appointed.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: According to the Department of Education school employee database, 33 schools already employ 31 attendance officers, 24 on a full-time basis. Of 311 public school corporations in the state, including charter schools, 179 schools had an ADA of over 1,500 for the 2004 school year. The bill allows schools with over 1,500 to appoint an additional attendance officer for every 7,500 ADA. The maximum number of attendance officers based on the 2004 school year ADA is 322. The median salary currently paid to attendance officers is \$51,022.

Between 146 (179 schools less the 33 schools already employing an attendance officer) and 289 (322 maximum attendance officers - 33 FTE of current attendance officers) attendance officers would need to be hired by

local schools. The increase in the expenses statewide would be between \$9.0 M ($\$51,022 + 19\%$ fringe benefits * 146 schools) and \$17.5M ($\$51,022 + 19\%$ fringe benefits * 289 attendance officers), depending on the salary paid to attendance officers and the number of schools that could jointly appoint an attendance officer.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources: Department of Education databases.

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